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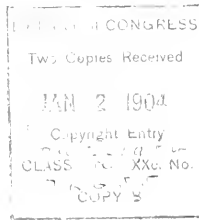
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# **Louisiana; Its History, Resources and Industrial Progress.**

"This is the land we love, our heritage."—*Robert Bridges.*

## **Program 1904.**

"From ancient gloom emerged the rising world of trade."—*Thomson.*

### *I.*

1. Geography of the Mississippi Valley.
2. Map Talk: Physical Features of Louisiana. Coast, Islands, Climate, Soil.
3. The Mississippi River; Delta, Levees, Jetties, Scenery.
4. Early Spanish and French Explorers.  
Leader, MISS F. WOLFSON.

### *II.*

"Their names are on your waters."—*Mrs. Sigourney.*

1. French Settlements and Colonial Governors.
2. Romance and Pathos of early Years.
3. Geographical Nomenclature and Meaning.
4. French Language and Colonial Literature in Louisiana.
5. The Natches Indians.  
Leader, MRS. T. W. NETTLES.

### *III.*

"They builded better than they knew."

1. French Rulers and Attitude towards the Colonists.
2. Mississippi Bubble.
3. Colonial and early Education, School Funds, Historians.
4. Choctaws and Chickasaws, their Warfare.
5. Importation of Slaves.  
Leader, MRS. W. H. SCHEEN.

#### IV.

".....Along the shores of the mournful and misty Atlantic linger a few Acadian peasants."—*Longfellow's Evangeline*.

1. Story of Acadia, from *Evangeline*.  
Acadians in Louisiana.
2. Origin of the Judiciary. Eminent Jurists.
3. Ecclesiastical Districts and Schools, Ursuline Nuns.
4. State Forests and their Industries. Game Laws.  
Leader, MRS. S. D. MCGOLDRICK.

#### V.

"Long lay the ocean paths from man concealed."—*Montgomery*.

1. A glance at Spain during her Colonial Domination.
2. Progress in the Colonies under Spanish Governors.
3. British Invasions, Aid in the American Revolution.
4. Modes of Transportation. Fisheries.
5. Spanish Capuchins and Nuns.  
Leader, MRS. W. A. WILKINSON.

#### VI.

"New occasions teach new duties."—*Lowell*.

1. France One Hundred Years ago, 1800-03.  
Louisiana, Receded to France.
2. Louisiana Purchased by the U. S., Treaty and Terms.
3. The Negotiators } *a.* Napoleon, his Motives.  
                              } *b.* Barbe Marbois, Minister of France.  
                              } *c.* Jefferson, Livingston, Monroe.
4. Territorial Boundaries, Lewis and Clark Expedition.
5. Statehood, 1812, Constitution, Early Governors.  
Leader, MRS. L. M. HOWARD.

#### VII.

"The Crescent City."

1. New Orleans, Name, Founding, Early History.
2. Plan, Chief Buildings, Manufactories, Squares and Statues.
3. Docks, Shipping, Banks, Cotton Exchange.
4. Mardi Gras, "Purchase" Centennial 1903, Cotton Exposition.
5. Environs, Scenery, Pleasure Resorts.  
Leader, MISS MAMIE CARTER.

### VIII.

"To every American citizen some knowledge of his country is indispensable."—*Ridpath*.

1. Philanthropic Institutions and Philanthropists.
2. Universities, Colleges and State Institutions.
3. Schools for Colored People.
4. Museums, Libraries, Learned Societies.
5. Parish Divisions, Rural Populations and Schools.

Leader, MISS MATTIE STANFILL.

### IX.

"Low lies that land, yet blest with fruitful stores,  
Strong are her sons."

1. Louisiana in the War of 1812-15.
2. Military Record in the Mexican War.
3. Civil War; Campaigns, in Teche and Trans-Mississippi Department.
4. Distinguished Leaders.
5. Louisiana in the Spanish-American War.

Leader, MRS. PAUL LISSO.

### X.

"Is not this the very poetry of Louisiana landscape?"—*Gayarre*.

1. Cotton Culture, Importance of the Cotton Gin.
2. Rice Fields, Cereals, Preparation for Market.
3. Sugar Cane, Refineries.
4. Fruits, Flowers.
5. Plantation Life in Hall and Cabin. Southern Melodies.

Leader, MRS. M. COCKERHAM.

### XI.

"He alone deserves to succeed, who has faith in himself and his own state."—*Fortier*.

1. State Capital and Cities.
2. Periodicals and Journalists.
3. French and Spanish Creoles, their Dialect.
4. Customs and Superstitions.
5. Audubon, Native Birds.

Leader, MRS. ABBIE MCCLELLAND.

## XII.

"What a field for romancer and poet."—*Gayarre*.

1. Poets and Novelists.
2. Representative Literary Women.
3. History of Louisiana State Federation of Clubs
4. Influence of Clubs { Civic Improvement.  
Education.  
Libraries.
5. Southern Hospitality. Stately Homes.  
Leader, MISS WOLFSON.

## XIII.

"Labor is discovered to be the great conqueror, enriching and building up nations."—*Channing*.

1. Louisiana at the Opening of the Twentieth Century.
2. Louisiana at the World's Fair in St. Louis.
3. Louisiana as an Emporium of Trade and Commerce.
4. The Isthmian Canal, its Significance to the Mississippi Valley.  
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